

# THE WEEKLY TUTOR'S TIDINGS

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## TUTOR's comment and CLUB NEWS

1. Our new drill press has arrived and awaits a couple of good keen people to assemble it including safety-securing the machine to the floor with suitable dyna bolts. An impact (hammer) drill and masonry bit will be needed. Any offers?
2. The dust extractor unit has been thoroughly cleaned and is back to operating at normal efficiency.
3. The big bandsaw awaits its new ripping blade. In the meantime I have fitted a "rounds-cutting" blade for members to use. Remember to turn on the dust extractor whenever the band saws are in use and always wear ear and eye protection.
4. Great to see members remembering to clean the air filters at the end of each session and also easing lathe belt tensions before leaving the workshop. These important practices ensure our safety equipment continues to operate effectively and the lathe belts have an extended life. Many thanks for your attention and help. Excellent!

We need to have a **WORKING BEE** to tidy/improve parts of our workshop

**WEDNESDAY 2nd November**

**6.30pm**

The committee hopes to see you then for a couple of hours.

**HELP!**

*Please*



**58 days until Christmas**

## MORE THINKING ABOUT REALLY USEFUL AND BASIC ITEMS FOR YOUR TOOL BOXES



### SOME BASIC ITEMS

- A measuring ruler
- sharp pencils (B+)
- felt-tip pens (cheap as.... from the \$2 shop)
- A roll of electrician's insulating tape
- sanding disks 80 to 600 grit
- sanding arbors
- two-pot glue
- tubes of super glue
- a piece of scrap formica
- a wing compass
- scissors
- small paint brushes
- a safety knife
- a protractor
- pot of EEE
- a few clean rags

All of which can be stored in a small hobby tool box.

### Maximizing your turning time during a normal session.

The SCOUTS organization has been using a motto probably for more than a hundred years - **BE PREPARED**

These wise words apply to just about anything we do. Members can use up a lot of time and energy moving about the workshop fetching and returning basic items to use. Maximize your time by having your own basic items right beside you ready for use.

Also, in keeping with the theme **BE PREPARED**, I strongly suggest you align your lathe as soon as you arrive and ensure that the bowl gouges in the tool rack are sharp and ready to go.

Tool boxes such as this can be bought cheaply from Bunnings. Excellent for storing all your basic items.



Everything in the top picture cost about \$15. (The sanding arbors are home made)



**NOTE: Many of our members already have a kit of basic turning-support tools. Have you got yours yet?**

# WORKSHOP HAPPENINGS



**DAVID G.** made a cedar wood bowl with an exceptionally fine finish



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**GRANT** has been busy again with his kauri wood. The bowl on the left was originally a wet turning. The pale coloured flare near the base is an interesting feature.

## Completed projects from the TUESDAY Crew

Here's a snazzy Christmas present idea for a keen gardener.



A paper-pots maker. This one was made by **DAVID Mollekin**.



**JAMES** has a special knack of creating interesting turning projects from small pieces of wood.

This matching set of candle holders emerged from seemingly nondescript woods. (WNI)

Pretty cool eh.

Well done James. I think you can see inside wood blanks with Superman's X-ray eyes?

## Thursday capers



**Colin**



**Stephen**



**Muhannad**

Here's a selection of finished items, which emerged from the **WINGED BOWL** project that was facilitated by our enthusiast Colin Mc Kenzie



**Murray**



**Stephen**

Woods used for this project include:  
Blackwood, Black Maire  
and Yellowheart kahikatea.

Those who took part in this first-time project learned heaps about the process needed to make this difficult turning.



**ROBERT** found this piece of interesting wood while on a recent hunting trip.

A huckery chunk was found on a beach and, as yet, the wood has not been identified, so until then it's a turning made from "beech" wood.

The turning has been expertly crafted releasing an array of beautiful colours.

**MURRAY's** black walnut turning features an embellishment of dremel tool dots to add interest to the outer surface.

An exhibition of patience and careful work was needed to complete the job.



**One man's junk is another man's treasure.**

**DYLAN** purchased an old plank of cedar wood from the recycling depot, cleaned it up a bit and made a platter. Later a dremel-tool embellishment was added and voila! - a top job outcome.

Excellent work Dylan.



*The THURSDAY evening session is always a busy time with many projects being worked on each week. Last night was no exception so here's a list of what was happening.*

*COLIN dabbling in a mix of small bowls using pohutukawa and yellowheart*

*STEPHEN working on his 4-tone train whistle*

*DYLAN adding embellishments to his cedar wood platter*

*SHANE crafting his 13mm bowl gouge handle*

*MURRAY making a 3 legged pot*

*ANDRE` turning a large clock from WNI wood*

*SPENCER making progress with his turning of a magnificent macro burr*

*ROBERT fashioning another bowl from his spectacular "beach" burr*

*MAURICE a pen project using spalted apricot wood*

*ROSS sanding his first-attempt-masterpiece, resin inlay platter using catalpa wood*

*MUHANNAD progressing his large block of pohutukawa wood into a bowl*

*At the end of the session the team celebrated another 10-week course completion with a shared supper of sausage rolls, sandwiches, crème doughnuts, chocolate biscuits, cake and date loaf. WOW!*

***Another THURSDAY evening course begins next week and will run for just six weeks finishing on 8th December.***



**WEDNESDAY's WORKING BEE** begins at 6.30 pm and should take a couple of hours.

To help you make decisions about useful tools you might bring with you to help the team, the intended tasks are outlined as follows:

Clean the air filters.	Needed: (Vacuum cleaner or small compressor to blow air)
Assemble the new drill press:	Needed: <b>Four 10mm dyna bolts</b> , spanners, hammer drill And <b>10mm masonry bit</b>
Make a set of shelves:	Needed: skill saw for ripping and cross cutting, <b>75mm nails</b> <b>20mm flathead nails, tape measure and pencil</b> , hammers and carpentry skills
Removal of lathe bearing:	Needed: a bit of engineering knowhow, <b>new bearing kit</b>
Remove old drill press:	Spanners and muscle
Clean out storage cupboard:	Needed: an organized mind and a team approach, <b>hooks for hanging things on</b>
Tidy the tea/coffee area:	Needed: scrubbing mits, cleaners, rags

**Where parts are needed, (shown above in RED) the committee will purchase these and have them ready for action.**

**Many hands will make light of the work so your attendance at this WORKING BEE will be most welcome.**

**Please bring any tools you think might be useful to attend the tasks listed above.**

**OK See you on Wednesday evening next (2nd November) at the workshop for a 6.30pm start.**

**That's the TT for this week - Cheers Clive**